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1. (Original) A method for providing integrated remote monitoring services, comprising:

receiving and storing radio frequency identification (RFID) data from an RFID system at a remote facility of a subscriber;

receiving and storing video data from a video system at the facility;

providing the subscriber with access to the stored RFID and video data; and

providing the subscriber with access to and control of a video camera in the video system at the facility.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the RFID and video information is received over the Internet and the subscriber is provided with access to the stored data and to the video camera through a web portal.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising processing the RFID data to determine whether an alert condition exists and notifying the subscriber if an alert condition exists

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the alert is a subscriber-defined alert.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising generating an e-mail and transmitting the e-mail to the subscriber to notify the subscriber of the alert condition.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the alarm condition comprises less than a minimum number of employees in attendance at the facility.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the alarm condition comprises less than a minimum number of employees performing a specified function.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
initiating a polling event in response to a specified event, the polling event operable to use the RFID system at the facility to poll an area of the facility to determine an inventory of tagged items within the area; and
receiving results of the polling event.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the specified event is a pre-defined time.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein the specified event is a periodic event.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 8, further comprising:
determining whether all items have been accounted for based on the polling results;
and
generating an alert in response to unaccounted for items.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising processing the RFID data to generate a report for the subscriber.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the report is a subscriber-defined report.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the report comprises time and attendance records of the employees of the subscriber at the facility.

15. (Original) A method for providing identity verification for access to a secure area, comprising:

eliciting a radio response from a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag at an access door of a secure area;

determining whether access by a wearer of the RFID tag to the secure area is authorized based on the radio response;

recording a video image of the wearer of the RFID tag at the access door; and

controlling access to the door to provide authorized access.

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17. (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising recording the video image in response to an attempt at unauthorized access.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising recording the video image in response to the radio response from the RFID tag.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising recording a series of video images of the wearer of the RFID tag at the access door.

20. (Original) A method for remotely notifying a subscriber of an alert condition at a facility, comprising:

receiving a radio frequency identification (RFID) action from an RFID system at a facility;

determining whether the RFID action corresponds to a pre-defined alert condition;

obtaining a video image associated with the RFID action if the RFID action corresponds to a pre-defined alert condition; and

electronically transmitting notice of the alert condition along with the video image for delivery to a manager of the facility.

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21. (Original) The method of Claim 20, further comprising electronically mailing the notice of the alert condition along with the video image over the internet to the manager of the facility.

22. (Original) The method of Claim 21, further comprising obtaining and electronically transmitting a series of video images associated with the RFID action.

23. (Original) The method of Claim 20, wherein the RFID action comprises access to a specified area.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
determining whether an expected RFID action has occurred by a specified time; and
electronically transmitting a notice that the expected RFID action has not occurred to the manager of the facility in response to determining that the expected RFID action has not occurred.

25. (Original) A method for providing remote access services, comprising:
receiving a request by a person for access to a restricted area operated by a subscriber;
receiving a video image of the person requesting access to the restricted area;
transmitting the request including the video image to the subscriber for approval; and
allowing the requested access in response to approval by the subscriber.

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26. (Original) The method of Claim 25, further comprising receiving and
transmitting a series of video images of the person requesting access to the restricted area.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 25, the act of receiving a request comprising
eliciting a radio response from a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag at an access door
to the restricted area and the act of transmitting the request including transmitting the radio
response from the RFID tag.
